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SUBJ: THE VATICAN, THE CAIRO CONFERENCE AND JERUSALEM

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1. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTTEL, WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO QUERY
VATICAN OFFICIAL RE CONTENTS OF PAPER WHICH WILL BE
CIRCULATED IN CAIRO.

2. MONSIGNOR MONTERISI, WHO WILL BE VATICAN
OBSERVER AT CONFERENCE, TOLD SARROS, IN CONFIDENCE,
THAT THE PAPER WILL RAISE VATICAN'S CONTINUING
INTEREST IN RESOLUTION OF JERUSALEM QUESTION.

3. APROPOS OF JERUSALEM, POPE PAUL, DURING AMBASSADOR
GARDNER'S COURTESY CALL DECEMBER 10, DISCUSSED THE
MIDDLE EAST AND EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST
THAT A SOLUTION BE FOUND TO THE SITUATION PRESENTLY
PREVAILING OVER JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY PLACES.
HE SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT AN ALTERNATIVE IS
DESIREABLE TO THE PRESENT "ILLEGAL REGIME" OVER
JERUSALEM. HE ALSO RECALLED THAT THE VATICAN,
AT THE REQUEST OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE
KISSINGER, HAD NOT PRESSED PUBLICLY THE JERSUALEM
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ISSUE DURING THE STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATIONS OF
1974-75, BUT IMPLIED THAT JERUSALEM SHOULD BE
HIGH AMONG THE PRIORITIES IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS
FOR A COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT.
GARDNER

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